

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/551,732 Confirmation No. 4329  
Applicant : Kunihiro Oda et al.  
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Art Unit : 4116  
Examiner : Caitlin Anne Fogarty  
Customer No. : 00270  
Title : TANTALUM SPUTTERING TARGET AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACURING SAME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is an Amendment filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 27, 2007. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time to extend the deadline for response from March 27, 2008 to June 27, 2008 is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.